



Candidate Questionnaire
Local Candidates Committee
NYS Legislative Elections 2018

Citizens Union appreciates your response to the following questionnaire related to policy issues facing New York State, and our interest in reforming state government. Please return the questionnaire to us as soon as possible, and no later than September 21st.

If you seek our support, we will also need to schedule an interview with you as part of the evaluation process. Please contact us if you wish to be interviewed.

We plan to make responses to this questionnaire public on our website, printed voters directory, and other appropriate venues.

We thank you very much for your response.

Biographical Information

Candidate Name: ANTHONY ARIAS
Party Affiliation(s): REPUBLICAN, REFORM Age: 28
Education: BA ECONOMICS - GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
Office Sought/District: STATE SENATE NY - DISTRICT 26
Occupation/Employer: MANAGING DIRECTOR - SADA CAPITAL

Previous Offices, Campaigns and Community/Civic Involvement: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADVISORS TO COLUMBIAN COLLEGE OF GWU

PRESIDENT - GREENWICH VILLAGE CHELSEA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
COMMUNITY BOARD 1 OF NYC - BOARD MEMBER

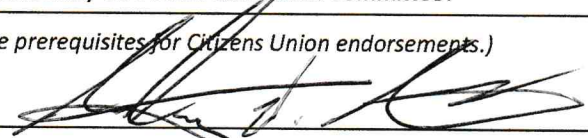
(Please feel free to affix any additional information such as a resumé, campaign brochure, or issue statements.)

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If elected, which legislative conference will you join (e.g., Republican, Democrat, other)? REPUBLICAN

I. AFFIRMATIONS

Have you completed required campaign finance filings?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES / NO
Are you willing to be interviewed by CU's Local Candidates Committee?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES / NO
<i>(Please note: interviews are prerequisites for Citizens Union endorsements.)</i>	
Signature of Candidate: 	Date: 9/18/2018

II. CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

Please state whether you support or oppose the following reform measures, and feel free to may elaborate in the space provided at the end or on additional paper.

2018 PRIORITY ISSUES:

ETHICS

1. Limit outside compensation earned by state legislators and statewide officials to 25% of their salaries, while enacting a salary increase and eliminating stipends.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Support / Oppose
2. Reform the Joint Commission on Public Ethics to eliminate the ability of one party to veto an investigation and to increase disclosure of its decision-making.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Support / Oppose

ELECTIONS AND VOTING

3. Do you support or oppose the following changes to the state's current registration and voting system? a. Early voting b. No-excuse absentee voting c. Election Day voter registration d. Re-enfranchisement of people on parole automatically <u>through legislation</u> , without requiring a Certificate of Good Conduct or Relief e. Automatic voter registration, unless the potential voter opts out f. Consolidated state and federal primaries g. Electronic poll books	a. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Support / Oppose b. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Support / Oppose c. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Support / Oppose d. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Support / Oppose e. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Support / Oppose f. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Support / Oppose g. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Support / Oppose
4. Reform the special election process, utilizing a nonpartisan special election for state legislative seats and eliminate delays in filling vacancies.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Support / Oppose

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

5. Establish public financing of campaigns for state legislative and statewide offices using a method similar to New York City's Campaign Finance Law.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Support / Oppose
6. Close the LLC loophole to ensure that limited liability companies have the same contribution limits as corporations, rather than the higher limit for individuals.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Support / Oppose

7. Drastically reduce campaign contribution limits and reduce them even further from registered lobbyists and those who do business with the state.	Support / Oppose
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BUDGET PROCESS

8. Require full disclosure of grants and contracts issued by the state, including the budget lines from which the spending is made and reporting on the results of each grant or contract over a certain amount.	Support / Oppose
9. Provide for adequate online disclosure and itemization of spending from elected officials' lump sum appropriations, including reporting on potential conflicts of interest and how the funds are spent.	Support / Oppose

POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

10. Repeal Civil Rights Law, Sec. 50-a, which shields from public view the disciplinary records of police officers, correction officers, and firefighters.	Support / Oppose
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ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

11. Restructure the state Board of Elections to abolish the strict two-party division of governance and operation and putting in place professional, nonpartisan administration. Restructure the state Board of Elections to abolish the strict two-party division of governance and operation and putting in place professional, nonpartisan administration.	Support / Oppose
12. Empower the attorney general to investigate and prosecute election law malfeasance and cases of public corruption.	Support / Oppose

HOME RULE

13. Make mayoral control of city schools permanent, with a governance system that provides for accountability, transparency, parent engagement, and democratic participation.	Support / Oppose
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Please use the space provided or a separate sheet of paper to elaborate on your positions on the issues contained in the previous pages. You may also provide additional information on any actions that you have taken or plan to take to advance your positions on these issues.

ELECTION REFORM - I WANT TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR CHALLENGERS BY REDUCING OR ELIMINATING THE PETITION PROCESS. LET THE PARTIES, HOW EVER BIG OR SMALL, SUPPORT CANDIDATES OR HAVE PRIMARIES.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE: PROponent OF ELIMINATING ALL CORP.
CONTRIBUTIONS TO A CAMPAIGN - STIMULY PEOPLE.

BUDGET PROCESS: REQUIRE COMPLIANCE OF CONTRACTORS TO
MEET PROJECT DEADLINES AND BUDGETS
OR FACE A PENALTY.

III. CAMPAIGN PROMISES MADE TO VOTERS

In addition to evaluating stances on the issues above, Citizens Union also considers the campaign goals articulated to voters.

What are the top five promises you are making to the voters during this campaign?

Please feel free to use additional paper if the space provided is not sufficient, and to affix additional information such as a résumé, campaign brochure, or issue statements. We thank you very much for your response.

TOP FIVE 2018 CAMPAIGN PROMISES OR GOALS

1. SUSTAINABLE + RESILIENT DEVELOPMENT - MORATORIUM ON LUXURY DEVELOP.
GET RID OF 421a AND REPLACE WITH A TAX INCENTIVE FOCUSED ON LOW
AND MIDDLE INCOME HOUSING. ALL DEVELOPMENT MUST DEMONSTRATE
COMPLIANCE W/ CLEAN AIR + WATER ACT. FUND RESILIENCY PROJECTS FROM TAX REVENUE
BY ELIMINATING 421A.
2. MAKE ALBANY WORK FOR US - TERM LIMITS ON LEGISLATORS.
INCREASED TRANSPARENCY ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE + BUDGETING OF SOME CITY PROJECTS.
INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING
MAKE IT EASIER FOR CHALLENGERS TO GET ON THE BALLOT.
3. MAKE MTA WORK FOR COMMUTERS - REDUCE REDUNDANCIES IN THE MTA
IMMEDIATELY FUND THE NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE BEFORE DOING ANY NEW PROJECTS.
EXPLORE EMISSIONS CREDIT TO REDUCE FARES FOR COMMUTERS
4. EDUCATION REFORM. EQUALIZE SPENDING ACROSS PUBLIC SCHOOLS. ^{PERFORM} ~~THE~~
THE GUIDANCE PROGRAM + TUTORING TO MORE EFFECTIVELY UNDERSTAND STUDENT
NEEDS AND TO ADVocate ON AVAILABLE PROGRAMS. BRING BACK MORE
VOCATIONAL + ARTS SCHOOLS. KEEP S.H.S.A.T.
5. SIMPLIFY BUSINESS - REDUCE THE REGULATORY + TAX BURDEN ON
SMALL BUSINESS, INCENTIVIZE TO HIRE LOCALLY, DIGITIZE THE
BUSINESS LICENSING PROCESS TO ALLOW SMALL BUSINESS
TO GROW + INCENTIVIZE THEM TO GO GREEN OVER OVERREGULATING
+ TAXING.

IV. ETHICAL REPRESENTATION OF CONSTITUENTS

Citizens Union believes that all New Yorkers deserve to be represented by officials who work for the public interest and honor the public trust. With the corruption conviction of recent legislative leaders, we seek to endorse a candidate who will demonstrate that she/he will honor the full commitment of the oath of office, and always represent the public interest above all else.

Please tell us how you have and would continue to conduct the political affairs of this office in an upright manner, and maintain the public trust.

TRANSPARENCY IS KEY TO BUILDING TRUST WITH STRONG FOLLOWTHROUGH ON YOUR WORD. I WILL BE AN EASY TO REACH AND TRANSPARENT SENATOR. TO START I WILL PUBLICLY HAVE LIVE STREAMS OF MY MEETINGS FOR PUBLIC VIEWING. I WILL ALSO GO BEYOND NORMAL PUBLIC DISCLOSURES BY PUBLISHING PUBLIC FUNDS ON SOCIAL MEDIA FOR WEEKLY REVIEW SO EVERYONE CAN SEE THAT I AM SPENDING THEIR MONEY IN AN ETHICAL MANNER. REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS WILL BE HELD WITH THE COMMUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT THE EVER EVOLVING ISSUES AND TO HEAR THE PEOPLE'S VOICES ON THE ISSUES IMPORTANT TO THEM. I WILL USE EVERY PLATFORM AT MY DISPOSAL TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF NOT JUST MY ACTIONS BUT THE ACTIONS OF MY FELLOW COLLEAGUES. I SEEK TO NEVER LIE, AND WHEN A QUESTION ARISES THAT I DO NOT KNOW, I WILL SAY SO AND INSTEAD WORK TO BRING A COLLABORATIVE BI-PARTISAN TEAM TO FIND THE ANSWERS. I WILL NOT TAKE DONATIONS FROM SPECIAL INTERESTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE INVOLVED IN STATE CONTRACTING - NEVER PUT MONEY BEFORE THE PEOPLE! I HAVE AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE VOCAL FOR THE PEOPLE'S WANTS AND NEEDS TO ENSURE THE PUBLIC INTEREST IS NUMBER ONE, NOT PARTY INTERESTS. IN THIS TRANSPARENCY AND BEING OPEN AND HONEST, I INTEND TO CONDUCT MYSELF IN MANNER BECOMING OF A PUBLIC OFFICIAL.

Please return to: Citizens Union, Local Candidates Committee, 299 Broadway, Suite 700 New York, NY 10007
Via email to candidates@citizensunion.org or fax to 212.227.0345 • Call us at 212-227-0342 with questions